



HOWARD COUNTY CEMETERY PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

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April 2014 Minutes

The quarterly meeting of the Cemetery Preservation Advisory Board was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland.

Members Present: Fred Dorsey, Mike Bennett , David Zinner, Chip Plitt

Members Absent: Lee Preston

Staff Present: Beth Burgess, Samantha Holmes

Board Update

- Review and approval of Jan minutes (pdf attached, send edits in advance if you have them) and general updates from anyone
- Board number discussion

Cemetery Inventory Update & Other Materials

- Fred and Beth to work with Genealogical Society: Allan Shad leader of inventory team
- Packets created include: letter of explanation, waiver letter, permission by Howard County letter, inventory in zipcode order, inventory forms, and instructions for location, photos and inventory
- Cemetery Inventory Project Update and timeframe
 - Plans to launch in April and have till end of summer.
 - Fred and Beth to meet with Genealogical Society
 - Documents reviewed were Volunteer letter and Property Owner letter
- CPAB Brochure
 - Final edits made; draft approved
 - Will be printed as needed and used for upcoming events like Hands-On history

Website Update

- CPAB website update
This page is for Board meetings, agendas and minutes.
<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/cemeterypreservation.htm>
CPAB decided to approve minutes via email so they can be posted on website within week of meeting
- Website working well, inventory pdf opens well on a tablet

Rosa Bonheur cemetery update

- Don't have recent update from survey team; will send an update out via email
- Weather delayed survey and is still in progress; report should be completed soon. GIS is requested to send to HCC.

- Who is regulating Pet Cemeteries? Office of Cemetery Oversight does not collect \$15 burial fee from religious cemetery nor from historic non-active site. There are so many unregulated cemeteries without perpetual funds.

Other Info and Updates

- Senate Bill 1003 -Carolyn Jacobi's Pet Cemetery legislation. Did not move during this session. CPAB to review in October for next step.
- Gary Cemetery- near Memorial church at Daniels. Marker of grandparents not found in plot plan done 2006 by scouts and not in place in 1980's but granddaughter claims marker is in woods. Verification of marker location to be confirmed by granddaughter.
- Simpson Cemetery- on Hall Shop Rd. Owner would be interested in grants and would be interested in donating to a restoration fund
- Eagle Scout Projects: Scouts considering the Kane/Smith/Fuller cemetery for clean-up. Sun Nursery will still give \$30 of plants to eagle scout project along with 20% plant discount.
- "This Place Matters"- Preservation Howard County embarking on photographing sites for the National Historic Trust. <http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/this-place-matters/>
- Barbara Sieg article from Baltimore Sun on March 21, 2014. Accurate and well written
- Whipps Cemetery - Daffodil Day April 12- well attended annual event with master gardeners, flower sales, living history
- Budget: DPZ \$5,000 request to be decision before July meeting but no word to date

Action items

- Fred to circulate SB 1003 to CPAB
- Fred and Beth meeting with Genealogical Society April 9th.
- Beth to inquire about maximum Board members
- DPZ to revise survey packet info and compile folders
- Beth to follow up with Rosa Bonheur update
- HoCo Grant funding should be determined. Who can donate to fund and who can collect the fund. Fred Dorsey to inquire with Preservation Howard County or other appropriate non-profit if a grant and funding for cemetery restoration work can be established.

Next Meetings

Tuesday, July 8

Tuesday, October 14

10am-11:30am